

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 17-19 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). An electronic camera system comprising:

imaging means;

5 image data generation means for generating image data to be recorded in a recording medium by processing image information which is subject to photoelectric conversion by the imaging means;

10 a first recording medium receiving portion provided in an electronic camera to receive a first recording medium for recording image data generated by the image data generation means;

15 a second recording medium receiving portion for receiving a second recording medium ~~having~~ which has a recording capacity larger than that of the first recording medium and which records

the image data generated by the data generation means, in which
the first recording medium and the second recording medium are
independently detachable;

20 a first power supply provided in the electronic camera to
supply power in writing the image data on at least the first
recording medium;

a second power supply having a power supply capacity larger
than that of said first power supply; and

25 an electronic camera expansion unit for receiving said
second power supply, said electronic camera expansion unit being
detachable from the electronic camera,

wherein said second power supply supplies power to write
data on the second recording medium when said electronic camera
expansion unit is attached to the electronic camera.

Claim 2 (Original). A system according to claim 1, further
comprising:

determination means for determining whether said electronic
camera expansion unit is attached to the electronic camera, and

5 notification means for, when the second recording medium is
inserted into said second recording medium receiving portion, and
said determination means determines that said electronic camera

expansion unit is not attached to the electronic camera,
notifying a user that said electronic camera expansion unit is
10 not attached to the electronic camera.

Claim 3 (Original). A system according to claim 1, further
comprising:

determination means for determining whether said electronic
camera expansion unit is attached to the electronic camera, and

5 means for, when said determination means determines that
said electronic camera expansion unit is not attached to the
electronic camera, inhibiting drive of the second recording
medium and a write/read of image data.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 1,
wherein said electronic camera expansion unit comprises:

a grip portion incorporating said second power supply, and

a substantially plate like flat portion having an end face
5 integrated with said grip portion, and attached to a bottom
surface of the electronic camera.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 1,
wherein the electronic camera further comprises:

a first power supply receiving portion for receiving
said first power supply,

5 said electronic camera expansion unit further comprises:

a unit main body,

a second power supply receiving portion for receiving
said second power supply,

10 an attaching mechanism for detachably attaching said
unit main body to the electronic camera, and

data connection means, electrically connected to the
electronic camera, for transmitting/receiving the image data, and

said second recording medium receiving portion is provided
in said unit main body.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 1,
wherein said unit main body comprises:

a grip portion incorporating said second power supply
receiving portion and arranged on an end portion side in a
5 horizontal direction of the electronic camera, and

a substantially plate like flat portion integrated with an
end portion of said grip portion and attached to a bottom surface
of the electronic camera, and incorporating said second recording
medium receiving portion and having said data connection means

10 formed at an abutment portion against the bottom surface of the
electronic camera.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 6,
wherein:

 said second recording medium has a rotating member, and
 said second recording medium receiving portion is arranged
on a side of said grip portion of said flat portion.

Claim 8 (Original). A system according to claim 6, wherein
said flat portion has, at a position separated from said grip
portion via said second recording medium receiving portion, a
circuit section for executing the write/read of the image data
5 on/from the second recording medium and transmission/reception of
the image data through said connection means by power supplied
from said second power supply.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 6,
wherein:

 the electronic camera has a cover for protecting an
insertion port of the first recording medium into said first
5 recording medium receiving portion, and

said grip portion has a recessed portion configured so as
not to impede opening/closing said cover.

Claim 10 (Original). A system according to claim 6, wherein
said grip portion has, at an upper portion, a release switch for
instructing a release operation in the electronic camera.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim
5, wherein:

the second recording medium can be freely removed from said
second recording medium receiving portion, and

5 said second recording medium receiving portion is arranged
at a portion where the second recording medium can be removed
even while said unit main body is being attached to the
electronic camera.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim
5, wherein:

said attaching mechanism has a screw threadably engaging
with a tripod screw hole of the electronic camera, and

5 said connection means has a plurality of contacts disposed
on a circumference centered on said screw.

Claim 13 (Original). A system according to claim 6, wherein said flat portion has, at positions corresponding to the plurality of contacts forming said connection means, a circuit section for executing the write/read of the image data on/from the second recording medium and transmission/reception of the image data through said connection means by power supplied from said second power supply.

Claim 14 (Original). A system according to claim 5, wherein said unit main body further comprises a switch for inhibiting the write/read of the image data on/from the second recording medium.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 5, wherein said unit main body further comprises an input terminal for supplying external DC power to said ~~power supply~~ electronic camera.

Claim 16 (Original). A system according to claim 6, wherein said grip portion has a pair of members sandwiching the electronic camera from a front side and rear side, each of said pair of members having said second power supply receiving portion.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 16, wherein:

the electronic camera has, on a rear surface side, a first image quality selection switch for switching an image quality,
5 and

one of said pair of members, which is located on the rear surface side of the electronic camera, covers said first image quality selection switch, and has a second image quality selection switch having an image quality selection position for
10 simultaneously instructing priority recording on the second recording medium.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim 1, wherein

the electronic camera comprises:

detection means for detecting an attached state of said
5 electronic camera expansion unit to the electronic camera, and

a first power supply receiving portion for receiving said first power supply, and

said electronic camera expansion unit comprises:

the second recording medium receiving portion,

10 a second power supply receiving portion for receiving said second power supply,

an attaching mechanism for attaching a unit main body
of said electronic camera expansion unit to the electronic
camera, and

15 connection means, electrically connected to the
electronic camera, for transmitting/receiving the image data.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended). A system according to claim
18, wherein:

said attaching mechanism has, on an abut surface against the
electronic camera, a projecting portion for positioning the
5 electronic camera, and

said detection means is arranged at a position corresponding
to the projecting portion to detect that the projecting portion
abuts.

Claim 20 (Original). A system according to claim 1, wherein
the first recording medium comprises a memory card, and the
second recording medium comprises a hard disk.